

Medicaid Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program

(formerly known as the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program)

2021 Program Year - Stage 3

Objectives that allow action to occur outside of the 90-day MU reporting period

Stage 3 has some objectives that have action that can occur before, during or after the MU reporting period of 90 days, but within the calendar year of the program year. Each objective's specification sheet lists the information under the 'Additional Information' section of any objective that allows this.

The following objectives **for Stage 3** include this option:

- Objective 5 – Patient Electronic Access to Health Information – (measure 2 only)
- Objective 6 – Coordination of Care through Patient Engagement – (measures 1 & 2)
- Objective 7 - Health Information Exchange – (measure 1 only)

For objectives that have numerators and denominators, the denominator will remain based on the 90-day reporting period. It is the numerator action that can occur outside the 90-day reporting period.

Example: Stage 3 – Objective 6 Measure 2 - Secure Electronic Messaging.

- Dr. A. selects June, July and August for his objective reporting period
- Dr. A. sees 100 unique patients during this 90-day period - 100 is the denominator.
- Threshold description: The resulting percentage must be **more than 5%** for an EP to meet this measure.
- Dr. A. must send a minimum of 6 messages to any of the 100 patients that are included in the denominator to count in the numerator.
- Dr. A. may count all messages that are sent within CY 2021 to these patients. If there is a minimum of 6 messages sent, Dr. A. passes the objective.